



PSC NEWS

Missouri Public Service Commission

Contact: Kevin Kelly

Phone: (573) 751-9300

Governor Office Building, Suite 600

FY-07-40

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AUGUST 29, 2006

PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN SIKESTON IN ATMOS NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Sikeston on September 25, 2006** to receive customer comment on a natural gas rate case filed by Atmos Energy Corporation (Atmos). Customers can also bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention during the local public hearing. The Sikeston local public hearing schedule appears below:

**Sikeston Municipal Courtroom
131 North New Madrid Street
11:30 am PSC Staff Information Session
Noon local public hearing begins***

*** The local public hearing will be held from noon until 3:00 pm or until all those wishing to testify have been given an opportunity to do so, whichever is sooner.**

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

Atmos is seeking to increase natural gas revenues by approximately \$3.4 million. For the average residential customer using natural gas for heating, Atmos says the proposed increase would be approximately \$4.68 a month if the proposed rate increase were granted in full.

Atmos provides natural gas service to approximately 59,800 natural gas customers in 25 Missouri counties (Bates, Clark, Lewis, Knox, Marion, Ralls, Scotland, Pike, Macon, Adair, Schuyler, Cass, Henry, St. Clair, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Ripley, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Scott, Iron, Wayne, Stoddard, Mississippi and Butler).